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Title: Need to undertake periodical maintenance of National Highway No. 47 between Walayar and Mannuthy in Kerala.

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS (PALGHAT): National Highway No.47 is an important National Highway in South India connecting Cochin to Salem. It has been selected as a Corridor of National Quadrilateral Project, a part of the Bharat Nirman making it as an Express Highway. But unfortunately the condition of this important National Highway is very bad because of the absence of periodical maintenance for the last four years. Due to heavy rains of the on-going monsoon, this National Highway is completely in dilapidated condition and damaged severely. Due to this bad condition, the road accidents have increased manifold by 200 times. Especially, the area between Walayar and Mannuthy is facing acute problem. The National Highway Authority of India is not sanctioning adequate funds for the periodical maintenance. Now, the local people are agitating for the immediate repairs of this dilapidated National Highway.

Therefore, I urge upon the Government to consider this as a serious matter and give necessary instructions to National Highway Authority of India for the immediate and periodical maintenance of this important National Highway No. 47 between Walayar and Mannuthy at the earliest.